

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD**  
City of St. George Council Chambers  
175 East 200 North  
St. George, Utah 84770  
March 7, 2005  
1:30 p.m.

**UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Echols	Jay Olsen
Ray Child	Mayor Joe Piccolo
Paula Doughty	Ann Wechsler
Neil Kochenour	
Mayor Douglas Thompson (via Conference call)	

**DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Walt Baker, Faye Bell, Bill Moellmer, Jeff Studenka, Ed Macauley, Tim Beavers, Paul Krauth, Mike Herkimer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization Representing</u></b>
Fred Nelson	Attorney Generals Office (via conf call)
Scott Hacking	DEQ SW District Engineer
Reed Fisher	CVWRF
Barry Barnum	City of St. George
Howard Wade	City of St. George
Kyle Klotz	City of St. George
Jason Jolley	City of St. George
Rod Cosslett	Southwest Health Dept
Mark Davidson	Sunrise Engineering
Doug Nielson	Sunrise Engineering
Matt Brown	Santa Clara
Chuck Dickison	Manila
Craig W. Collett	Daggett County
Phil Wright	Wasatch County Health Department

Chairman Child called the Board meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Child invited the members of the audience to introduce themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2005 MEETING**

Ms. Wechsler and Ms. Doughty noted there were a number of typographical errors in the minutes, such as on page 3, bottom of the first paragraph, says scope, should read slope. Ms. Doughty also pointed out on page 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> line down it says “greater than 15 percent” and should read “greater than between 15-25 percent”. Mr. Olsen noted in the last paragraph on page 3, it states “Mr. Rob Adams, inquired” and should read “Mr. Jay Olsen, inquired”. Ms. Wechsler also noted under the North Davis Sewer District on page 4, fourth line down, should read “\$20,900,000” not “\$200,000”. Also under Central Davis Sewer District first

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paragraph, fourth line down, should read \$2,700,000. On page 5, second paragraph and second line up from the bottom, reads “clear”, should read “clean”.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Ms. Doughty and seconded by Ms. Wechsler to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2005 Board meeting with the corrections noted. The motion was to unanimously approve the minutes with the noted changes.**

**Recognition for flooding in St. George:** Mr. Child recognized Barry Barnum, Kirt Klotz, Howard Wade, Leslie Wentland, Scott Hacking, Gary Edwards, Jason Jolley and Rod Cosslett for the many hours they spent in sampling the water and repairing the break in the sewer lines during the flood in January. Mr. Child also wanted to recognize Division of Water Quality staff including Jen Robinson and Paul Krauth, for their marvelous response to the crisis.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Mayor Piccolo to officially thank those involved or responding to the St. George flooding incident for their quick and attentive response. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kochenour and was unanimously approved.**

**Approval of Written Finding, Conclusion and Decision on Petition for Administrative Rule Change to R317-4:** Mr. Fred Nelson, from the Attorney General’s Office, explained the document included in the Board packet under Tab 2, which is the “Approval of Written Finding, Conclusion and Decision on Petition for Administrative Rule Change to R317-4.” Mr. Wright, of the Wasatch Co. Health Dept., commented he had looked at both lots. Lot 1405 appeared to have some areas where slopes were less than 25%, but the owner did not have percolation tests performed on those areas. Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Wright to clarify how it should read. Mr. Wright stated it should say something like “the applicant had not demonstrated that the lot meets the requirements of the rule.” Mr. Nelson stated he would revise the document and will then get the revision to the Chair to sign.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Dr. Kochenour to approve the document on the “Findings, Conclusions, and Decision” submitted by Fred Nelson with the change noted by Phil Wright. The motion was seconded by Mr. Echols and was unanimously approved.**

### **LOAN PROGRAM**

**Financial Assistance Status Report** – Ed Macauley updated the Board on the “Summary of Assistance Program Funds” as outlined on page 4.1 and 4.2.

**Approval of Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF) loan request:** Chairman Ray Child asked to be excused from participating in this request due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Macauley introduced Reed Fisher, General Manager of CVWRF to the Board. CVWRF is requesting funding in the amount of \$35,000,000 to bring ownership of existing facilities under central control; construct various wastewater treatment facility improvements that are necessary to keep pace with the growth of member entities, and insure continued compliance with UPDES permit limitations and biosolids permit requirements. Staff recommends the project be funded. Currently, there is an excess of funds available in the SRF. This loan will increase the fund utilization rate for this program while providing \$11,025,000 to the Hardship Grant Fund over the life of the loan. The Hardship Grant Fund provides much needed funding for planning

advances and hardship construction grants to communities that could not otherwise meet affordability guidelines for wastewater project construction.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Dr. Kochenour to approve Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility's loan request for \$35,000,000 with the associated special conditions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Piccolo and was unanimously approved.**

**Approval of Manila Town Loan Request:** Mr. Beavers introduced Mayor Chuck Dickison of Manila Town, Mark Davison of Sunrise Engineering and County Commissioner Craig Collett. The Town of Manila is requesting \$925,000 in financial assistance to finance a sewer pipeline to replace the failing on-site system at the Daggett County jail. Manila is requesting a \$600,000 Hardship Grant and a \$325,000 loan at 0% interest with a 30-year term.

Staff also recommended that the Board rescind its May 17, 2002 authorization of a \$323,000, 0% interest, 20-year loan to Daggett County for the construction of a total containment lagoon for the county jail.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Mr. Echols to approve a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$600,000 and a zero percent interest 30-year loan of \$325,000 to the Town of Manila with the associated special conditions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Thompson and was unanimously approved.**

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Ms. Wechsler to rescind the May 17, 2002 authorization of a \$323,000 loan to Daggett County. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kochenour and was unanimously approved.**

**Authorization for emergency funding requests from St. George:** Mr. Beavers introduced Barry Barnum, Engineer Service Director with St. George City. The City of St. George is requesting a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$188,000 to cover a portion of the costs to repair and replace wastewater collection and treatment facilities damaged during the record floods in January 2005.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Mayor Thompson to approve the City of St. George's request for a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$188,000 with the associated special conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Echols and was unanimously approved.**

**Authorization for emergency funding requests from the City of Santa Clara:** Mr. Beavers introduced Matt Brown from the City of Santa Clara. The City of Santa Clara is requesting a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$119,000 to cover a portion of the costs to repair and replace wastewater collection infrastructure damaged during record floods in January 2005.

**Motion:**        **It was moved by Mayor Piccolo to approve the City of Santa Clara's request for a Hardship Grant in the amount of \$119,000 with the associated special conditions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Doughty and was unanimously approved.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Presentation on Salinity Offset Projects:** Jeff Studenka made a presentation on DWQ's approach in allowing increased flows of salinity in one reach of a watershed conditional upon the salinity in another reach.

**Update of the Development of Selenium Standards for The Great Salt Lake:** Mr. Baker made a presentation on the process of developing a Selenium Standard for the Great Salt Lake.

**CIB Board Replacement:** Mr. Baker explained to the Board that Ann Wechsler and Rob Adams terms on the Water Quality Board expired in March 2005. For the past few years Mr. Adams has represented the Water Quality Board on the *Community Impact Board* (CIB). With his departure, the Board needed to nominate another Board member to replace Mr. Adams.

**Motion:**           **Mr. Echols nominated Mayor Piccolo to serve as the Water Quality Board representative on the Community Impact Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Olson and was unanimously approved.**

**Article "Sewer woes spur Turmoil in Stockton":** Mr. Baker referred the Board to Tab 4. On page 4.0 is a newspaper article from the Tooele Transcript Bulletin about contention in the community concerning the future of a sewer system. The Stockton Town Council chose not to move forward with a proposed sewer system, which was followed by Mr. LaRue and some town residents generating a petition which calls for the council to move the project forward. After discussing the issue it was suggested by Mr. Child to ask staff to generate a statement to Stockton City and Mr. LaRue giving a general sense of support from the Board and DWQ, suggesting the Board would be receptive to an application to assist in funding the project.

**Motion:**           **Mr. Echols made a motion directing staff to compose a letter to Stockton City and Mr. LaRue. Prior to finalizing the statement, have Fred Nelson with the Attorney General Office will review the letter and then e-mail to the Board for final approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kochenour and was unanimously approved.**

**Article "S.L. County May be Riverton's Ally Over Proposed Sewer Plant":** Mr. Baker directed the Board to Tab 4, page 4.9. Salt Lake County is getting involved in the proposed 20-acre wastewater treatment facility near the Jordan River. The County's concern is that the South Valley District, which is proposing the facility, work in harmony with the other five cities and the Association of Governments.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Water Quality Board is scheduled for April 6, 2005 at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George Council at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be in conjunction with the Water Environment Association of Utah Conference being held in St. George.

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Ray Child, Chairman